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SUBJ: OFFICIAL EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE OPERATIONS IN 1976

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- 1. ACCORING TO DATA JUST RELEASED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE (ICE), THE TOTAL VALUE OF OFFICIAL EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE EXTENDED IN 1976 WAS 2,488 BILLION LIRE. INCLUDING "PRELIMINARY COMMITMENTS," WHICH ARE ALSO CHARGEABLE TO THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED CEILING (2,500, BILLION FOR 1976 PLUS 242 BILLION LIRE IN CARRYOVER), COVERAGE EXTENDED IN THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 2,607 BILLION LIRE. THE RESIDUAL UNDER THE CEILING THAT MAY BE CARRIED OVER AND ADDED TO THE 1977 AUTHORIZATION OF 2,500 BILLION IS THEREFORE 135 BILLION LIRE. THE NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS COVERED IN 1976 WAS 787, OF WHICH 171 WERE FOR RE-INSURANCE OF SHORT-TERM COMMERCIAL RISKS.
- 2. /COMMENT/. THE VALUE OF OFFICIAL EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE EXTENDED IN 1976 AMOUNTED TO 7.5 PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE OF 1976 EXPORTS (ABOUT 34,600 BILLION LIRE ACCORDING TO 10 MONTHS' ANNUALIZED CUSTOMS DATA). SCOPE FOR GREATLY EXPANDED UNCLASSIFIED

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USE OF EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN THE AREA OF SHORT-TERM COMMERCIAL RISKS. ALTHOUGH ALWAYS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LAW, OFFICIAL RE-INSURANCE OF SUCH RISKS BEGAN ONLY IN 1976. NOW, UNDER A PROPOSAL SHORTLY TO BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT, A SPECIAL 5,000 BILLION LIRE "REVOLVING FUND" WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR OFFICIAL DIRECT INSURANCE OF SHORT-TERM COMMERCIAL RISKS. IF APPORVED BY PARLIAMENT, THE NEW FUND

COULD EXPAND INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPORT VALUE, OR MORE, DEPENDING ON THE AVERAGE MATURITY OF THE INSURED CREDITS.VOLPE

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